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A Home of Our Own



President Mike Rankin and Past President Cheryl Orvis affix a mezuzah to the entrance to the sanctuary of our new home.

PHOTO BY YO SCHNEEMAN

Escrow Closes on Caselli Avenue Building

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, escrow closed on our first "Home of Our Own." Later that week, a sign went up on the front of the building at Caselli and Danvers, announcing to all that the building is now a synagogue, the home of *Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Founded 1977*. Then, at Friday night services on November 4, just before the lighting of Sabbath candles, a mezuzah was installed at the front entrance to the sanctuary. With the blessing of the wooden mezuzah, which had been hand-crafted by member Joanne Woolf, all of the congregants present knew that we at last had a real home.

As escrow closed, however, we discovered that the legal address of the building is 220 Danvers Street. Although our building has been commonly referred to as 201 Caselli, to avoid confusion with our neighbor, we will be using the address 220 Danvers at Caselli.

In mid-November, the office was moved into the new building from its temporary location for the past couple of years at the home of Paul Cohen and Allan Gold. *Please note that the phone number of the Synagogue Office is now 861-6932.* Many thanks to Paul and Allan for allowing their home to

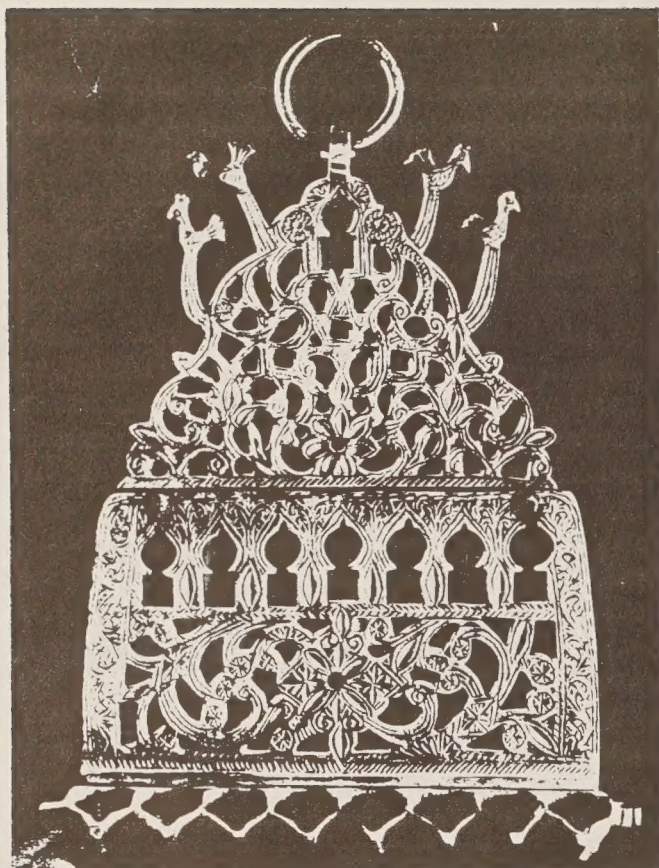
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Please join our
CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Friday, December 2
8:15 p.m.

S.F. Jewish Community Center
(California St. and Presidio Ave.)





*Chanukah Lamp, Morocco, 18th-19th centuries C.E.
Collection of Israel Museum*

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Thoughts on Chanukah

The Festival of Lights and Jewish Survival

SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDST of the Thanksgiving to New Years season, known in colloquial American speech as "The Holidays," falls the celebration of Chanukah. There it sits, surrounded by major secular and Christian holidays, without another Jewish holiday for months on either side. It is certainly fortuitously placed for us as American Jews. As our neighbors and friends and co-workers get into the spirit of Christmas, we have our own distinct and separate holiday to celebrate. But is that all there is to Chanukah? Is it nothing but a secondary holiday that has been puffed up out of proportion to its original purpose simply to compete with a major holiday of the prevailing culture?

Chanukah celebrates a verifiable historical event. In the year 169 B.C.E., King Antiochus, ruler of the Syrian and Judean portion of the empire of Alexander the Great, took over the Temple in Jerusalem. In an effort to standardize Hellenistic practice throughout the Empire, local religions were outlawed. Many Jews, comfortable and familiar with Hellenistic culture, supported Antiochus. Others, alarmed and incensed at the desecration, found a leader in Mattathias the priest, who, with his five sons, formed a guerilla army that fought Antiochus's soldiers for three years and regained and rededicated the Temple. Legend has it that when the Temple was rededicated there was only one small vial of oil for the Eternal Light, and that, by a miracle, it burned for eight days and eight nights until more could be obtained. From the history comes the name Chanukah, meaning "dedication," and referring to the rededication of the Temple. From the mishnah, or legend, we get Chanukah's other name, Chag ha-Nerot, the Festival of Lights.

An important point that is often overlooked is Antiochus's attitude towards the Jews. He was no Hitler or Haman, no sworn enemy. He bore the Jews no animus for the specific religion they followed, except that it was not Hellenistic. Like most conquerors, his aim was to exterminate all practices and beliefs of the conquered, and replace them with the ways of life and thought of the conqueror. What Antiochus wanted was for the Jews — and all his other subjects — to assimilate. And that is the major theme of Chanukah — victory over assimilation.

The first miracle of Chanukah is the one of the oil that burned for eight days and eight nights. The second is that an event which occurred two hundred years before the Christian religion even began can be so relevant to us as we commemorate it, two thousand years later and halfway around the world, in a culture dominated by Christianity. In the face of Christmas parties at the office, Christmas trees in apartment building lobbies, Christmas songs on the radio, Chanukah — and Judaism — continues to burn its tiny, stubborn eternal flame.

— Leslie Bergson
Chair, Ritual Committee

COMMITTEES! COMMITTEES! COMMITTEES!

MOST OF THE WORK AND PLAY of our life together as a community happens in the small groups which come together to plan and manage the Congregation's projects and programs. Serving on a committee offers opportunities to grow in our understanding of Jewish life and to meet a variety of personal goals such as learning new skills, sharing experience and meeting friends.

Now that the building campaign is over, we are refocusing our attentions on the many committees that make up Sha'ar Zahav. Michael Freedland will be serving as a Committee Coordinator and a second coordinator will be appointed shortly. The Coordinators will be instrumental in helping new committees form, in reviving dormant groups and will serve as the liaison between the committees and the Va'ad.

During the past month, many committees have held long-range planning sessions, others will be holding them in the next few months. No matter what stage a committee is at, Committee Chairs will welcome your participation.

Watch for notices of committee meetings in the *Forward* calendar and on the Synagogue bulletin board in the Oneg room. Announcements of committee meetings are also often made at the conclusion of Friday night services. If you would like to work on a particular committee or would like information about a committee, please call the synagogue office and leave a message. You will be contacted.

Make your membership more meaningful in life and to our community by joining more actively in our Congregational activities. Joining a committee is a good way to start.

Following are descriptive reports of current activities of some of our committees. Other committees will be featured in upcoming issues of the *Forward*.

Building Committee

Now that we have purchased our "home," the Building Committee has taken on new responsibilities. Under the guidance of its new Chair, David Gellman, some general areas of responsibility have been outlined, and they are: building security (access, health and safety); building maintenance (ongoing maintenance and improvements); building use (by the Congregation and by others); and donations. Regarding donations, the Building Committee will be the gathering place for information on items the Congregation needs and members (or others) may wish to donate. If you are interested in working on the development of our new home, please contact David at 621-2966 (daytime).

Building Dedication Committee

An ad hoc committee has been formed to plan and carry out a Congregation and community dedication for our new home, to take place in early 1984. Mike Zimmerman has just agreed to coordinate this joyous event. The *Forward* will be carrying updated information on this milestone in our Congregation's life.

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee is charged with the responsibility of monitoring our bylaws and making recommendations for change on an as-needed basis. They also accept assignments from the membership or the Va'ad for evaluation and recommendations on bylaws issues. This committee is very important to our Congregation. We are an ever-changing group, and this often means evaluation and possible change in our bylaws in order to meet the needs and goals of an ever-growing membership. If you have interest in learning more about this activity, contact David Gass at services or call the Synagogue Office (861-6932).

Education Committee

The Education Committee is in the process of reconvening and a preliminary planning session was held November 2, with Bruce Katz, Yo Schneeman and Joanne Woolf in attendance. Among the ideas suggested for program development are classes, a lecture series, films, Shabbatons and a Saturday morning Talmud study group.

This is your ground floor opportunity to join the "new and improved" Education Committee and to get in on planning the 1984 educational activities for Sha'ar Zahav. If you have any suggestions, we welcome your input. Come to our next meeting on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Joanne Woolf's home, 39 Mirabel Avenue in Bernal Heights, San Francisco. For more information, contact Joanne at 821-6109.

Newsletter Committee

Once a month, the *Forward* hits the streets. Bringing about this minor miracle involves many facets of news gathering, editing, writing, graphics, advertising and distribution. Some of this is done individually and some as a joint committee effort. But in the end, each month another issue is sent out to bring news of our Congregation to members, friends of the Congregation on our mailing list and many interested organizations. The editorial arm of the committee meets at the beginning of the month to coordinate the next month's issue, and the distribution team meets at the end of the month for mailing. If you would like to join any aspect of this undertaking, please contact Alex Ingersoll at 648-4818.

Oneg Committee

Each week, following Friday evening services, we all share in a celebration of food, beverage and talk. All of this is put together by the Oneg Committee under the direction of Larry Cohen. This group is also responsible for finding Oneg sponsors. What a wonderful way to honor an event in your life, or that of a friend — sponsor an Oneg. The cost is reasonable (usually \$30-40). If you are interested in working on the Oneg Committee or in sponsoring one, see Larry at Oneg, or leave a message at the Synagogue Office (861-6932).

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Va'ad Report

THE NOVEMBER VA'AD MEETING was held on Monday evening, November 14, 1983 at 220 Danvers at Caselli (our new address).

Mike Rankin called the meeting to order, and recommended that Alex Ingersoll be nominated as the new Va'ad member, replacing Irene Ogus, who resigned as of the October meeting. This was passed unanimously by the Va'ad, and we all welcome Alex as the newest Va'ad member.

The majority of the meeting centered around the building committee report, and plans for the building now that it is ours. David Gellman has been chosen by the Building Committee as its Chair, and plans are already underway to smoothly make the transition from Church of the Latter Day Saints to a wonderful home for all of us. More details will follow in upcoming newsletters, concerning specific building plans.

The synagogue office has now been moved to 220 Danvers, and the new synagogue telephone number is 861-6932. Susan will begin working on Wednesdays and Fridays as of the end of November.

Parlor meetings will be held by the Rabbi Search committee on December 11 and December 15 at the synagogue in order to find out from Congregation members what their wants and desires are concerning the selection of a new rabbi for the Congregation.

Committee restructuring was discussed, and once again, we are asking any Congregation members who are interested in becoming involved to join a committee. It is the most wonderful way to meet new people in a comfortable environment, and will also provide a source of satisfaction by doing something positive for Sha'ar Zahav.

Bruce Katz has resigned from the Va'ad effective November 14. All of us on the Va'ad would like to express our true thanks and appreciation to Bruce for all of his hard work and dedication over the past few years. He will be a very difficult person to replace.

The next Va'ad meeting will be held on Monday, December 12 at 6:30 P.M. at 220 Danvers. All are invited to attend.

— Eric Keitel, Recorder

Letters

Dear Friends,

This is to thank you for the very beautiful plant I found waiting for me on my arrival at the [Jewish] Home [for the Aged] here. It is difficult for me to even express my feelings when I arrived hot, tired and harried from the strenuous labor of moving, to walk into my room and the first thing my eyes fell on was this lovely, lush pot of flowers and buds which are still opening.

It gave me a tremendous lift to feel I was cared for enough for someone to do such a thoughtful and lovely thing for me. Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,
Isabelle (Fishman)

Ritual Calendar — December

Friday, December 2	Chanukah Celebration Torah: Miketz, Gen. 41:1-44:17 Special Chanukah portion: Num. 7:24-35 Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7 Ritual Committee and Friends, Services
Friday, December 9	Torah: Va-Yigash, Gen. 44:18-47:27 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28 Daniel Chesir and Michael Freedland, Services
Friday, December 16	Torah: Vay'hi, Gen. 47:28-50:26 Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12 Eric Keitel and Cheryl Orvis, Services
Friday, December 23	Torah: Sh'mot, Ex. 1:1-6:1 Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22,23 Mike Rankin, Services
Friday, December 30	Torah: Va-Eira, Ex. 6:2-9:35 Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 Leslie Bergson, Services Torah Service

January

Friday, January 6	Torah: Bo, Ex. 10:1-13:16 Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28 Steve Greenberg and Mark Mendelow, Services
Friday, January 13	Torah: Beshallach, Ex. 13:17-17:16 Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31 Daniel Chesir and Sharon Silverstein, Services Larry Cohen, Haftarah Torah Service
Friday, January 20	Torah: Yitro, Ex. 18:1-20:23 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5 Rabbi Dave Davis, Guest Service Leader Garry Koenigsberg, Haftarah
Friday, January 27	Torah: Mishpatim, Ex. 21:1-24:18 Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25,26

Calendar Note:

Since many people often do not receive their copy of the *Forward* in the mail until the second week of the month, beginning with this issue we will be printing the Ritual Calendar and general calendar dates for the next two months, to the extent they're scheduled at presstime.

January Calendar Dates

January 7 — Social Action Committee
January 9 — Va'ad Meeting
January 19 — Tu B'Shevat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 כה Second Candle of Chanukah	2 כז Third Candle Chanukah Celebration	3 כח Fourth Candle
4 כח Fifth Candle	5 כט Sixth Candle Women's Chavurah	6 ל Seventh Candle Rosh Chodesh A	7 א Eighth Candle Rosh Chodesh B Education Committee	8 ב Building Committee	9 ג Newsletter Deadline	10 ד
11 ה Rabbi Search Parlor Meeting	12 ו Va'ad Meeting	13 ז	14 ח	15 ט Rabbi Search Parlor Meeting	16 י	17 יא
18 יב	19 יג Finance Committee	20 יד	21 טו	22 טז Ritual Committee	23 יז	4 יח
25 יט	26 כ	27 כא East Bay Lunch Group 921-7846	28 כב Newsletter Committee	29 כג	30 כד	31 כה

OUR NEW HOME!

220 Danvers at Caselli

Regular Friday night services are held at 8:15 at our new home, located at 220 Danvers at Caselli in San Francisco.

Please note that on December 3, our Friday night services will be held instead at the S.F. Jewish Community Center as part of our Chanukah Celebration.

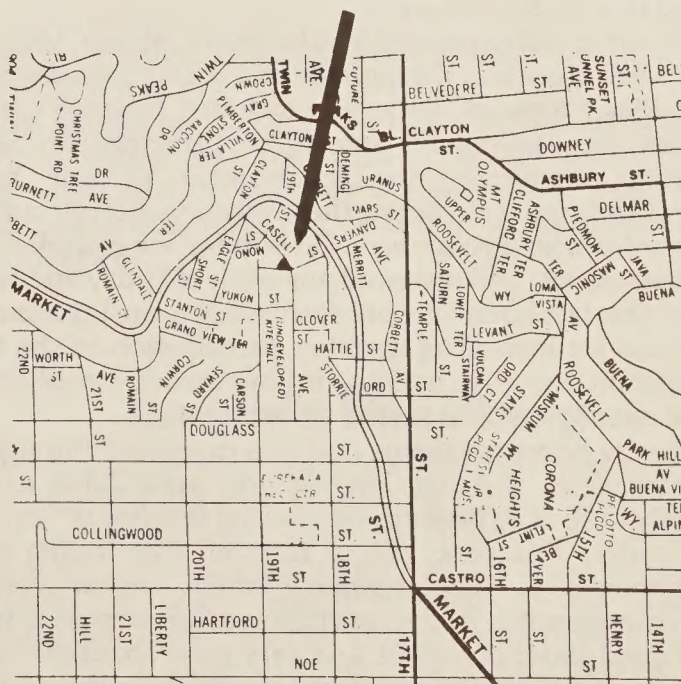
NOTICE

*The Synagogue Office has
MOVED to our new building,*

220 Danvers at Caselli.

The new phone number
for the office is

(415) 861-6932.



Nearest Muni:

#33 Ashbury at 18th & Danvers
(The #33 Ashbury operates on a 20-minute headway)

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Finance Committee

At its October meeting, the Finance Committee said a fond farewell to its chair for the past 2-1/2 years, Jerry Rosenstein. Jerry has served the committee and the Congregation well as Chair and has been a prudent manager of our financial issues. He will continue on the committee and serve as liaison with the Building Committee, with an emphasis on budget matters.

We feel sure that the Finance Committee is still in good hands, however, as Tom Rothgiesser has assumed the Chair. The committee meets monthly, usually on the last Monday of the month, to discuss finance and budget matters facing the Congregation, and advises the Treasurer for the Treasurer's monthly reports to the Va'ad and semi-annual reports to the Congregation. For information on Finance Committee meetings, contact Tom at 775-4386 or call the Synagogue Office (861-6932).

Advance Report

AS THE SUN SET OVER THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS on the evening of Friday, October 28, 1983, 22 members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav began its weekend advance.

The purpose of the advance is to give the leaders of the Congregation an opportunity to be together in a relaxed atmosphere, for a relatively lengthy period of time, in order to reflect on the state of the Congregation, and the positive things that can be done to improve and sustain it. A lot of hard work was done before the weekend was over, but the feeling was very different from a four hour va'ad meeting held in a conference room.

Working with a professional facilitator, Sharon Mulgrew, we weaved our way through the Friday and Saturday agenda. Major topic of discussion included how we can improve the leadership process of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, stimulating the involvement of our newer members, and maintaining the involvement of our currently hard-working volunteers. On Sunday, we grappled with bylaws issues, and reviewed our work of Friday and Saturday. Our last hours of work resulted in formal recommendations for increasing member participation in the Congregation, as well as maintaining our member involvement that already exists to such a great extent.

A very prevalent theme that was expressed throughout the weekend, was that Congregation Sha'ar Zahav felt like family to all of us present. We realized that one of our goals as leaders this year, was to transmit that feeling to all members of our congregational family, so that everyone can experience it. At the conclusion of the weekend, we all felt good about ourselves, and very good about the future of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Despite the overcast skies, we parted, after a beautiful and stirring rendition of Oseh Shalom, re-fueled and re-committed to our synagogue, to our family.

Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee is in the process of re-energizing under its new Chair, Ron Lezell. Ron replaces Bruce Katz, who with his committee has accomplished much in the past couple of years. These accomplishments include the successful campaign to educate us about, and raise funds for, the plight of the Ethiopian (Falasha) Jews, co-sponsoring "The Last Epidemic" at New College and participating in activities of the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry.

As we start a new year of activity, a little background on what the Social Action Committee is all about: its charge is to further relationships with other congregations and organizations within the Jewish Community and within the community-at-large. In addition, in consultation with the Va'ad and in accordance with the principles of Judaism, the committee promotes programs that would be beneficial to the Congregation and to the community to work toward the elimination of injustice.

There is immediate need for action on our part. Sha'ar Zahav has been asked by the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry to be one of 20 congregations to commit to spending 1/2 hour per month (that's right, just 1/2 hour per month!) to march in front of the Soviet Consulate, as part of the Council's daily vigil to protest the lack of freedom for the 2 million Soviet Jews. Placards will be provided and the remaining available times are fairly flexible.

If you would like to become a member of this important committee, please plan on attending an organizational and action-taking meeting on Thursday, January 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Synagogue. For more information on the committee and/or participating in the protest vigil, please call Ron Lezell at 621-3930.

Social Program Committee

During November, the Social Program Committee has been hard at work on our Chanukah Latke Party. After January 1, the Committee will be meeting to plan social events for 1984, such as outings, theater parties, the Purim party and others. If you are interested in planning and working on Social Programs, contact the Chair, Mark Mendelow, at 854-2276.

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Mike's Column

"THAT'S REMARKABLE" said the student rabbi to Leslie during her interview at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles last month. "You've already had more experience writing liturgy and organizing and leading services than most of us have had in our second year! You are lucky to belong to a congregation that lets you take on that much responsibility."

Right. Sha'ar Zahav has provided that opportunity for a number of people. We've always been a congregation that depends on its members for work that is done by paid staff in other synagogues (including some smaller than ours). At CSZ, we lead our own services, write our own brochures and literature, do our own financial management and computer programming, our outreach, counseling, life-cycle ceremonies, our own teaching and oneg preparation — all of it. Susan, our office manager, is our one paid staff person.

In part, we do all of this to keep expenses down. But more than that, we do it because it gives us a chance to learn and to grow, to feel (and *be*) needed. The meaningful involvement of so many of us is what has stimulated the remarkable commitment of so many of us.



Chanukah Lamp, Italy, 18th century C.E. Collection of Israel Museum

This is a time when new committees are forming and old ones expanding. Join one, or two, or three. You *are* wanted and needed, even though we're not always as effective as we want to be in reaching out to bring new people in. One word of caution, however. This synagogue can become an obsession (but a magnificent one!).

On a different issue — the symposium on Judaism and homosexuality that we hoped to offer at the UAHC Biennial in Houston this month didn't take place. They couldn't find time or space for us. But — we've been encouraged to submit a proposal this February to the planning committee for the 1985 Biennial, which will be held in Los Angeles. And that we'll do.

Meanwhile, I've been invited to speak on the same topic at the National Conference of Hillel Directors in December (at Grossinger's!). This is probably one of the first times an out-front gay has been asked to speak at the national meeting of a major Jewish organization, and the invitation came through the efforts of one gutsy, non-gay rabbi with a lot of integrity and understanding. I'll be covering issues such as helping the college student come to terms with his or her gayness, helping them maintain a good relationship with their parents, finding gay/lesbian Jewish people and resources in the area, etc. Underlying all of this is a very simple message. Those college students are Jews, deserving their rightful place with Am Yisrael. They — and we — ask for nothing more. They — and we — will accept nothing less.

Shalom, and Chag Sameach!

— Mike

A Home of Our Own (continued from page 1)

be "command headquarters" for such a long time. Even though it will take a while for the office to be as comfortable as in their home, it is wonderful to have it in our own building at last.

The coming months promise to be just as exciting as the various committees involved gradually start to convert our new home so as to meet our Congregation's needs more fully and to truly fulfill our dreams in acquiring "A Home of Our Own."

Gertrude Was Wrong

There is a there there. We select few who live and/or work in Oakland know that already. We come together as the East Bay Lunch Bunch, bringing a touch of here to there. We've been getting together for lunch at noon on the last Tuesday of every month, exploring the culinary possibilities of the East Bay. For information, call Leonard Brill, either at work, 451-1580, or at home in the evening, 431-2234. See you there.

December Yahrzeits

- 5 Charles Staub, Grandfather of Wendy Weiss
- 9 David Abbuehl, Cousin of Abigal Abbuehl
- 10 Madeline Feinberg, Aunt of Carole Migden
- 10 Sherman Kalis, Brother of Betty Kalis
- 11 (5 Tevet) Louis Charney, Father of Philip Charney
- 12 (6 Tevet) Bayla Bat Ephraim HaCohen (Bayla Schneidman), Sister of Daniel Chesir
- 13 Barbara Mendelow, Sister of Mark Mendelow
- 14 Paula Kallman Meyer, Grandmother of Nancy Meyer
- 20 Lilian Dolinsky, Grandmother of Naomi Baran
- 20 Fred M. Weiss, Grandfather of Wendy Weiss
- 22 Albert Klein, Father of Dov ben Khayyim
- 22 Seymour Newman, Uncle of Laurie Radovsky
- 25 A. Martin Lipschutz, Father of Marc Lipschutz
- 26 (20 Tevet) Jack W. Heller, Father of Hal Heller
- 27 Lillian Helen Abbuehl, Grandmother of Abigal Abbuehl
- 30 (24 Tevet) Avrum Yakoov Berenstein, Grandfather of Allan Berenstein
- 31 John P. Hughes II, Father of John P. Hughes III
- 31 Annie L. Hoyt Hughes, Mother of John P. Hughes III

December Birthdays!

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 4 Alan Schrager | 19 Don Albert |
| 8 Quan | 25 G. Murray Miller |
| 8 George Lucas | 29 Naomi Pless |
| 11 Abraham Cohen | 30 Michael Abts |
| 12 Walt Leiss | 30 Leslie Bergson |
| 15 Phil Charney | 31 Sam Thal |
| 15 Ron Lezell | |

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Ethiopian Jew Rescued

In 1982, Bruce Katz and the Congregation's Social Action Committee led a drive to collect \$3,500 to rescue one of our Jewish brothers or sisters from Ethiopia or from the refugee camps in the Sudan. We had learned sometime earlier of the danger they were in, and of their intense desire to go home to Israel.

The Congregation responded with characteristic generosity, and nearly \$3,600 was sent to the American Association for Ethiopian Jews.

On October 21, we received word from the AAEJ that our money had been used to rescue a beautiful 62 year old woman, Bezabesh Werku. Bezabesh is now living safely and joyfully in Israel!

"Who saves one life, saves the whole world!"

— Pirke Abot



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